

Annual Report

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

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C. MEETINGS

Number of SWCD Board Meetings Held: 12
Number of Special Meetings Held by Board: 1 Drought Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING -Open House
Number Attending: 155

OTHER INFORMATION EDUCATION MEETINGS (specify type)

TYPE	No. of Meetings	No. Attending
Forage & Beef Conference (Sponsorship)	1	190
Tri-County Grazing School (Sponsorship)	1	20

5 Gasconade County Landowners in attendance.

D. ACTIVITIES

CONTESTS

	No. of Schools	No. of Entries
Poster Contest	7	517
Envirothon (Sponsorship-Central Region)	21	105

AWARDS

	Name
Family Cooperator Award	Stanley Shoemaker Family
Volunteer Award	Doratheia Koepke/Nick Roberts
Partnership Award	University of MO Extension

PUBLICITY

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ISSUES/YEAR	CIRCULATION
2	850
WebSite (e-mail notification list)	210

	Number of
Radio Ads	1
Newspaper Articles	14x5
Public Displays	2
Web Page	updated regulary

Gasconade Republican, Hermann Advertiser, Bland Courier,
Cuba Free Press, County News Live

TOURS AND FIELD DAYS

Type of Tours and Field Days	No. of Tours	Attendance
4th Grade Field Day	2	264
Soil Horizons, OES MO Days	1	600+

RENTAL AND SALES

Equipment Type	Rental Fee	No. of
John Deere 10'Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$10/\$9*	1045.4
Great Plains 7' Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$10/\$9*	550.9
Rotowiper/day	\$25.00	1
Burn Equipment/use	\$10.00	1
ATV Equipment/day per piece	\$20.00	4
ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder/day	Free	3
Soil Probe/use	Free	21
Audio Equipment/use	Free	0

*Over 50 acres

Items Sold by District	Donation
Flags	\$ -
Plat Books	\$330.00

OTHER

E.

No. of Cooperators Waiting for Service:

Average Time Waiting for First Contact: 1-2 days

Were accomplishments presented to county commission?

Yes

Was budget presented to county commission?

Yes

F. CURRENT DISTRICT STAFF

Name Diana Mayfield
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Job Title District Program Specialist II

Termination Date _____

Current Hourly Wage \$14.00Hours
Worked Per
Year2080Primary Staff Contact Y/N Yes

Name Kory Hubbard
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Job Title District Technician I

Termination Date _____

Current Hourly Wage \$11.00Hours
Worked Per
Year2080Primary Staff Contact Y/N No

**Gasconade County
Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Narrative Report 2013
July 1, 2012– June 30, 2013**

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD) primary goal for the county is to conserve our natural resources. All programs and related activities are based on reaching the goal of "T".

Gasconade County SWCD programs and activities encourage participation by the public, which include our children, who will be the future leaders of our nation. Some of the activities and programs of the district, which are funded by Administrative funds and local funds include:

- **4th Grade Field Day** – The District organized and sponsored their twelfth 4th Grade Field Day on October 3rd and 4th. There were 211 students from 4 schools, and additional volunteers and staff at this event. The students were allowed to visit eight different educational stops on the Dennis and Brenda Kurrelmeyer Farm north of Owensville, MO. The lunch for the students and staff was provided by local businesses and prepared by volunteers. Conservation Agent Jason Eikermann presented the lunch time program by discussing animal pelts and the animal's habits.
- **OES MO Days** – The District Staff organized a Soil Horizon Workshop for the Owensville Elementary School MO Days held on October 11, 2012. District Staff with the assistance of the Ladies from the Farm Service Agency and volunteers Nicole Hubbard, Brandon Mayfield, and Stephanie Summers explained the different layers of the soil and what we can find there. We explained that everything can be traced back to the soil so it is important to protect it. We then allowed the students to make soil pudding layer cups complete with worms. We serviced 600+ students in 14 rotations.
- **CCPI Streambank Project** – The district has completed two more streambank stabilization projects. All of the projects are holding up well with the recent water events. The final project is currently being designed by the NRCS engineers.
- **Forage and Beef Conference** – The Forage and Beef Conference for the area was held in Cuba on February 11th with approximately 190 people in attendance. An evening meal was provided at the end of the conference. The producer panel addressed the recent drought and how they managed their operations during this time. There were several vendors at this event, who donated door prizes that were presented throughout the course of the evening. We had two staff members at the meeting, who helped with set up/down and registration.
- **2013 Annual Meeting** – This year's Annual Meeting was held at the Owensville Middle School on March 14th. There were 155 people in attendance. The meal was catered. Our guest speakers, Joy and Cynthia Haeffner, presented "Agriculture in New Zealand." The program was very well received. The GCSWCD presented their Conservation Family Award to Stanley and Kathy Shoemaker, Partnership Award to the University of Missouri Extension, and the Volunteer Award to Dorathea Koepke and Nick Roberts. An election for the Area II and IV Supervisors was held in conjunction with the annual meeting. Dennis Berger and Matthew Estes were elected to serve, respectively.
- **Poster Contest** - This year's theme was "Where does your Water Shed?" The poster contest is open to any student in Gasconade County in Grades 2 thru 8. We receive 517 posters from 7 schools and our three judges had a very difficult time in making their selections. The awards were presented at the Annual Meeting. The Top Three posters from grades 2-3, 4-6, and 7-8 will be forwarded to the State Level Competition.
- **Community Support:** The GCSWCD District Manager was the lead person for the USDA Service Center participation in Operation Christmas and the Feds Feed Families Program. For Operation Christmas we serviced 2 large families and we donated approximately 250 lbs of food to the local food bank.

The District still owns a 10 ft. John Deere no-till drill, a 7 ft. Great Plains no-till drill, an ATV sprayer, seeder, and disk, and a Rotowiper. The District also has burn equipment and soil probes available for public use. An ATV Warm Season Spreader is available free of charge.

A semi-annual newsletter was mailed to approximately 850 cooperators at each mailing this past fiscal year. The newsletter is now located on the District Web site. We are currently sending the newsletter via e-mail to 210 landowners. The purpose of this newsletter is to make the landowners more aware of district goals, programs, and accomplishments in controlling soil erosion, water quality, etc. The newsletter also contains information and events for the cooperating partners - Natural Resources Conservation Service

(NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The funding of this newsletter has been made possible by the soil and parks tax and local funding.

The Soil and Water Conservation District co-sponsored the Mid-MO Grassland Competition. The District sent two staff member to assist with the Regional Envirothon, which serviced 105 high school students.

The District Staff works with NRCS to assist with the Federal Programs that are being implemented.

The NRCS, FSA, MDC, University Missouri Extension, County Contractors, the County Commission, and county and state public officials continue to be very supportive of the District.

A combination of the news media, radio, a District Newsletter, website, correspondence, and personal contacts are used to keep the public informed of state programs and Board sponsored activities.

Based on the new resource concerns, the following have been claimed: Sheet/Rill & Gully (6-\$26,679.36) Grazing System Management (11-\$19,613.22); Woodland Erosion (3-\$5,547.47); Sensitive Area (3-\$5055.11); Nutrient/Pest Management (3-\$2,441.00). This year, the District Staff and NRCS Staff worked the Governor's Executive Order 12-08 for establishing water sources/distribution for livestock and crops. GCSWCD claimed 15 applications for \$119,691.59. The drought program prohibited any additional funding being provided for resource concerns that were maxed out as in the past years. The District has claimed \$179,027.75 which is 81% of our fiscal year allocation of \$220,057.59.

Two office personnel and two supervisors attended the State Training Conference held in November-December.

The Annual Plan of Action is followed monthly as a guideline for district activities during the year. The District is continually looking for educational opportunities. The district follows the federal guidelines for Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity. They review these policies annually with NRCS.

The Gasconade County Board of Supervisors meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Effective April 2, 2013, the meeting time has been permanently set at 6:30 p.m. The agenda for each meeting is posted in the USDA Service Center on the Wednesday before each meeting. The County Commissioners, Natural Resources Conservation District Area Staff, and the Department of Natural Resources are invited to each meeting and any visitors wishing to attend the meetings are encouraged to do so. The Southern County Commissioner has attended quite frequently as well as the DNR District Coordinator.

The Board of Supervisors continues to stress the need for soil and water conservation and they are very conscious of their responsibility of being faithful stewards of tax payer dollars.